

# BECOME A DOCENT

at the  
Tijuana River  
National Estuarine Research Reserve



Share your  
love of nature  
with young  
people

Join a team of  
volunteers  
dedicated to  
nature

Become more  
involved in  
your  
community

Educate  
children on  
the value of  
nature

**JOIN US!**  
Classes begin  
on March 3.



**What is a docent?** Docents are highly trained volunteers who promote a greater understanding and appreciation for the natural history and environment of the Tijuana Estuary and surrounding coastal areas.

**What activities do docents participate in?** Docents help educate students during school field trips, lead nature walks, and participate in special events.

**Who can become a docent?** Anyone can become a docent. No experience is necessary and full training is provided. If you are interested in sharing your love for nature with the thousands of people who visit the Reserve each year, please join our team!

**How do I become a docent?** Prospective docents must complete a Volunteer Application, participate in an interview, and attend our 10-week, 30 hour training course.

**What will I learn in the docent training?** At the training, you will study biology, history, botany, oceanography, ecology, herpetology, ornithology, and interpretive methods. You will spend time in the classroom and outdoors with local experts and a team of volunteers.

**When and where is the docent training?** The training will be held on the following Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, and 5/12.

**How can I learn more?** Contact Danielle Litke, Volunteer Coordinator, at 619.575.3613 x330 or [dlitke@parks.ca.gov](mailto:dlitke@parks.ca.gov).